



ORDER

Defendant Shenard Wells, appearing *pro se*, has filed a Motion to Vacate Sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. He filed a previous § 2255 motion on September 9, 2002, which was denied on June 27, 2003. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals denied his application for a Certificate of Appealability on February 20, 2004.

The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 limits the circumstances under which a federal prisoner may file a second or successive motion for post-conviction relief. Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, Pub.L. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214 (1996). A defendant must show that the successive motion is based on: (1) newly discovered evidence that, if proven and viewed in light of the evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and convincing evidence that no reasonable factfinder would have found him guilty of the offense; or (2) a new rule of constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable. 28 U.S.C. § 2255. This determination must be made by a three-judge panel of the court of appeals before a defendant can file another motion in district court. *Id.* §§ 2241 & 2255.

The Fifth Circuit has not issued an order authorizing the district court to consider this successive motion. The defendant must obtain such an order before another motion for post-

conviction relief is filed.

Defendant's motion to correct, vacate, or set aside sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 is dismissed without prejudice pending review by a three judge panel of the court of appeals.

IT IS SO ORDERED, May **23**, 2005.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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